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Sent: Monday, June 29, 2009 11:07 PM
To: Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC
Subject: CapX2020

Dear Ms. Strength,

I am writing to you about the CapX2020 project. Specifically the Cedar Mountain Substation area - Hampton route options. I live in Lonsdale, MN. We are bordering the possible southern route of this project.

I would like to express some of my concerns. My first concern is that of necessity. The amount of power you are planning to put through this area seems excessive. Most people are trying to conserve energy and our houses and appliances are becoming more efficient. The housing boom has slowed down. Do we need to rethink the plan?

Secondly, it scares me that you are telling farmers to attach chains to the back of their tractors if they are operating under the lines. Why? Because it could be dangerous? I, for one, do not want myself, my children, my friends, my neighbors, or strangers exposed to this. Keep this line out of people's yards, towns and fields. Find a route that will impact no one. What about I-90?

Also, why have these massive lines cross the state. Why not have more windmills in action throughout the state. There is wind energy throughout. Use it and do not carry the energy so far across lines.

It's not too late to reconsider this plan and this route. Please at least consider it. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Pankow

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This federal scoping process is specific to only the Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345-kV project. As such, we have forwarded your comments to the project team dealing with the project with which you have raised concerns.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.